

The Corporation of the Municipality of Grey Highlands

By-law No. 2022-116

**A By-Law to Adopt the 2023-2026 Water &
Wastewater Rates for the Municipality of Grey
Highlands**

Whereas, the Corporation of the Municipality of Grey Highlands operates and maintains municipal water and wastewater systems in the municipality; and

Whereas, Section 391, subsection (1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, authorizes a municipality to pass by-laws imposing fees or charges on persons,

- a) for services or activities provided or done by or on behalf of the municipality;
- b) for costs payable by the municipality for services or activities provided or done by or on behalf of any municipal or local board; and
- c) for the use of municipal property including property under the municipality's control; and

Whereas, the aforesaid Act also authorizes a municipality to impose fees or charges under subsection (2) for capital costs related to services or activities, on persons not receiving an immediate benefit from the services or activities but who will receive a benefit at some later point in time; and

Whereas, the aforesaid Act also allows a by-law so-passed to provide for interest charges and other penalties, for fees and charges that are due and unpaid;

Now Therefore the Council of the Municipality of Grey Highlands hereby enacts as follows:

Definitions:

"Act" means the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended;

"Capacity Allocation" means the action undertaken by the Municipality to allocate available capacity for water or wastewater;

"Capital Connection" means a water or wastewater connection to existing infrastructure;

"Charges" means the water or wastewater charges or both and includes late payment charges; "Council" means the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Grey Highlands;

"Land" includes buildings and structures;

"Multi Residential" means a dwelling unit in a building containing three or more dwelling units, each of which has an independent entrance directly from the outside or through a common vestibule or common corridor;

"Municipality" means The Corporation of the Municipality of Grey Highlands;

“Owner” or “Property Owner” means the person who is the registered owner of an estate in fee simple of a property and includes the registered owner in fee simple of an unconnected vacant lot;

“Property” means a separately assessed parcel of land connected to or fronting the water system or the wastewater system or both and includes a condominium unit in a condominium corporation and the common elements in a condominium corporation;

“Single Residential” means a single dwelling, which is freestanding, separate and detached from other main buildings or main structures including a split-level dwelling;

“Unconnected Vacant Lot” means a separately assessed parcel of land with no buildings or structures erected thereon fronting on but not connected to an assumed part of the water system or wastewater system, or both, and which has development potential;

“Water Charges” means the water supply rates and the water related charges imposed on the owners by this by-law for the supply of water at the rates and in the amounts set out in Schedule B and Schedule C;

“Water Closet” means a compartment or room containing a flush toilet;

“Water Meter” means the water meter supplied and owned by the Municipality or a water meter owned by an owner and approved by the Municipality used to measure the quantity of water supplied to the owner;

“Water System” means the Municipal drinking water system as defined in the Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002, c.32, as amended and includes works for the collection, production, treatment, storage supply and distribution of water;

“Wastewater Charges” means the wastewater user rates and the wastewater related charges imposed on the owners by the by-law for the use of the wastewater system at the rates and in the amounts set out in Schedule A and Schedule C;

“Wastewater System” means the Municipal wastewater system which includes works for the collection, transmission, treatment and disposal of sewage;

That pursuant to the Municipal Act, 2001, Section 391, water and wastewater rates are hereby charged upon all the owners whose properties front and/or use water and/or wastewater services, and these rates and billing schedules are outlined within Schedule “A” and “B”, which forms a part of this by-law; and

That Schedule “A” and “B”, which forms a part of this by-law, outlines the meter sizes and meter equivalency ratios; and

That Schedule “C”, which forms a part of this by-law, outlines meter equivalency to dwelling units ratios; and

That any returned payment will be charged \$45 on account; and

That any past due amounts transferred to the tax roll will be subject to a \$25 administration fee; and

That an interest charge of 1.25% will be added to any account that continues in default on the first day of the month following for each month the default continues; and

That this by-law shall come into effect on January 1, 2023

Read a first, second and third time, and finally passed on December 07 2022.

The Corporation of the
Municipality of Grey Highlands

Original Signed By

Paul McQueen, Mayor

Original Signed By

Raylene Martell, Municipal Clerk

Status: Passed

Schedule "A"

Wastewater Service and Consumption Charges 2023-2026

Annual charges for 2023-2026 will reflect these new rates. All invoice frequencies issued after January 1st of the perspective year will reflect these new rates. Note that the rates published are annualized rates. Billing frequencies vary within the Municipality.

Year	Charge Type	Wastewater		
		Metered Customers *	Unmetered Customers **	Multi-Residential Unmetered Customers ***
2023	Annualized Charge	\$632.70	\$1,115.23	\$892.18
	Volumetric Rate/m ³	\$0.57	\$ -	\$ -
2024	Annualized Charge	\$724.26	\$1,127.16	\$901.73
	Volumetric Rate/m ³	\$0.63	\$ -	\$ -
2025	Annualized Charge	\$828.76	\$1,119.02	\$895.22
	Volumetric Rate/m ³	\$0.69	\$ -	\$ -
2026	Annualized Charge	\$948.02	\$1,084.97	\$867.98
	Volumetric Rate/m ³	\$0.76	\$ -	\$ -

* Annualized Charge is based on 3/4" meter. Annual charge for larger meters is multiplied by the meter equivalent ratio

** Unmetered Annualized Charge is based on a multiplier of the Metered Customer Annualized Charge plus an assumed 180 cubic metres of consumption

***Unmetered Multi-Residential Customer Annualized Charge is based on 80% of multiplier of the Metered Customer Annualized Charge plus 80% of an assumed 180 cubic metres of consumption

In the event that a meter becomes defective or non-operational in the course of the year, a minimum consumption of 12 cubic meters will be applied per month of the current billing period.

Meter Equivalent Ratio	
Meter Size	Ratio
3/4"	1
1"	2.5
1 1/2"	5
2"	8
3"	15
4"	25
6"	50

Schedule "B"

Water Service and Consumption Charges 2023-2026

Annual charges for 2023-2026 will reflect these new rates. All invoice frequencies issued after January 1st of the perspective year will reflect these new rates. Note that the rates published are annualized rates. Billing frequencies vary within the Municipality.

Year	Charge Type	Water
		Metered Customers *
2023	Annualized Charge	\$798.59
	Volumetric Rate/m ³	\$0.99
2024	Annualized Charge	\$878.45
	Volumetric Rate/m ³	\$1.09
2025	Annualized Charge	\$966.29
	Volumetric Rate/m ³	\$1.20
2026	Annualized Charge	\$1,062.92
	Volumetric Rate/m ³	\$1.32

* Annualized Charge is based on 3/4" meter. Annual charge for larger meters is multiplied by the meter equivalent ratio

In the event that a meter becomes defective or non-operational in the course of the year, a minimum consumption of 12 cubic meters will be applied per month of the current billing period.

Meter Equivalent Ratio	
Meter Size	Ratio
3/4"	1
1"	2.5
1 1/2"	5
2"	8
3"	15
4"	25
6"	50

Schedule "C"

Kimberley-Amik-Talisman Water System

Single Residential and Vacant Properties meter equivalency ratio = 1

Multi-Residential and Business Properties = the applicable meter equivalency ratio

Based on the physical characteristics and location of the following lands, a minimum of 51 residential equivalent units for the Kimberley-Amik-Talisman (KAT) Water System are allocated based on the meter equivalency ratios.

Amik Wastewater System

Single Residential and Vacant Properties meter equivalency ratio = 1

Based on the physical characteristics and location of the lands, a minimum of 60 residential equivalent units for the Amik Wastewater System are allocated as follows; Roll # 42-08-390-004-10900 = 60 units

Markdale Water and Wastewater Systems

Single Residential and Vacant Properties meter equivalency ratio = 1

Multi-Residential and Business Properties = the applicable meter equivalency ratio

Flesherton Wastewater

Wastewater Equivalency to Dwelling Units

<u>Description</u>	<u>Unit Allocation</u>
Residential and Vacant Properties	1
Multi-Residential Properties (3 units or more)	0.8 per unit
Bed & Breakfast per water closet	¼
Artists/Artisans Studios; Auto Body/Repair Shops; Churches; Library; Manufacturing (existing 1995); Museum; Offices; Organization Meeting Halls; Stores; Shops	½
Firehall; Public Washrooms; Service Stations; Banks; Day Care Centres	1
Auto Body/Repair Shops with clean-up bay; Beauty Salons	1 ½
Restaurants, Bars; Service Station with clean-up bay	2
School	15

A building or complex of buildings with a combination of uses will be charged the aggregate total of the applicable rates.

** Future users or potential users not specified shall have the billing units established by resolution by the Council who shall have regard to the existing rates as a basis to arrive at a fair and equitable charge.

Rates for Bulk Water:

Fire and Municipal Departments - No Charge

Markdale & Kimberley - \$5.00 m3

Rates for Septage Disposal at Lagoons - \$0.45 per gal.

Service Fees

Water Connection to existing curbstop: \$500

(Includes cost of new residential meter and backflow preventer)

Water Connection to new curbstop/cleanout: \$500 + cost

(Includes cost of new residential meter, backflow preventer and curbstop)

Wastewater Connection: \$500

(not applicable if Subdivision Agreement in place)

Charge to turn water service on or off - \$50.00

Municipal Staff Hourly Charge Rate - \$75.00/hr + actual costs Replacement Water Meter - \$375.00 or actual costs

Capital Connection to Existing Systems

(Not Covered by Development Charges or Building Permit Process)

Water & Wastewater System	Current Connection Fees	Phased-In Connection Fees			
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Markdale Water	\$3,000*	\$3,742*	\$4,484*	\$5,226*	\$5,968*
KAT Water	\$5,000*	\$5,242*	\$5,484*	\$5,726*	\$5,968*
Markdale Wastewater	\$3,000*	\$4,795*	\$6,591*	\$8,386*	\$10,181*
Amik Wastewater	\$5,000*	\$6,295*	\$7,591*	\$8,886*	\$10,181*
Flesherton Wastewater	\$3,000*	\$4,795*	\$6,591*	\$8,386*	\$10,181*

*Multiplied by meter equivalent ratio